

Amendment dated November 23, 2004

Reply to Final Office Action dated August 23, 2004

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the present application. The Final Office Action dated August 23, 2004 has been received and its content carefully reviewed.

By this Response, claim 1 has been amended. No new matter has been added. Applicants kindly acknowledge the allowance of claims 3-5 and 21-22. Claims 1-5 and 21-22 are pending in the application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-2 in view of the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,825,449, issued to Shin (hereafter "Shin"), in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,926,235, issued to Han et al. (hereafter "Han"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection because neither Shin nor Han, analyzed alone or in any combination, teaches or suggests the combined features recited in the claims of the present application. For example, Shin and Han fail to teach or suggest a liquid crystal display device that includes, among other features, "a pixel electrode electrically connected to the drain electrode via inner side surfaces of the drain electrode and in direct contact with a portion of the substrate" as recited in independent claim 1 of the present application.

Because Shin and Han fail to teach or suggest at least this feature of claim 1, claim 1 and its dependent claim 2 are patentable over any combination of Shin and Han. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 and 2 are respectfully requested.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

If the Examiner deems that a telephone conversation would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 496-7500.

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